

**MEETING MINUTES**

May 20, 2015

7pm

Regency Acres P.S.

**Attendees**

Lisa Leoni, Joan Lash, Gwen Al-Kas, Kim Davies, Kathy Duncan, Pat Morton, , Gayle Palmer, Leah Clark, Chris VanderPloeg, Lynn Pearson, Elena Siriopoulos, Sheena Murphy.

**Regrets**

Kristy Damtsis, Sandy Kennedy, Becky Knowles, Laura Parkin, Susan Roy  
Dina Paraskevopoulos

**Welcome,  
Approval of  
Agenda, &  
Approval of April  
Minutes**

Welcome comments from Joan.  
Lynn motioned to approve the agenda; Sheena seconds.  
Leah motioned to approve the minutes from April 8; Pat seconds.

**Old Business**

Lisa spoke about certificates of appreciation for graduating parent volunteers. Lisa will review and follow-up with Joan.

**Principal's  
Report**

Lisa spoke about two climate surveys: parent & student. The board will compile the results and forward to the school. The results will be shared with council in Sept/Oct 2015.

ETFO Labour situation: there will be no principal designated meetings, and more administrative work for the Principal.

Lisa said that the Grad will happen, and that the board is committed to protecting Grads at all schools.

Reports cards: The Principal may have to complete the report cards. For intermediate students: percentages will be used and for Primary/Junior students, letter grades will be used. We are not able to comment at this time about the completion of learning skills. Lisa will keep everyone posted.

**Fundraising  
Report**

Pat shared the results of the spring fundraiser which was \$6715.33! Pat extended thanks to Anne Ross and all of the volunteers. Pat asked for feedback. Gwen suggested more Minecraft prizes. Some suggested more competitive games (relay and basketball)... maybe play Bump? Joan & Gwen suggested more prizes of lesser value, and splitting up the bigger prizes.

Pat requested parents to send testimonials for the Zumba company "the Move".

<p><b>Financial Report</b></p>	<p>Elena distributed the financial plan. The current balance as of May 1 is \$6645.68. The electronic screen has been moved to the fall fundraising plan. The cost of the electronic screen is now \$4200, not \$2800. Lisa said this is due to the amount of electrical work needed and the installation of a new switch to operate the screen electronically.</p> <p>There was a question about if the money counter had been purchased. Joan will follow up with Jo Greig.</p>
<p><b>Surplus</b></p>	<p>The classroom funds for next school year had to be submitted by May 14, 2015, so these funds came out of the budget earlier than anticipated (\$1950.00).</p> <p>Lisa discussed the new process of the fundraising plan and shared an example of what it may look like going forward. All requests for funds must be consistent with the SIP (school improvement plan). Anything that the school raises money for cannot be connected to learning/curriculum materials that are deemed necessary for learning. We can purchase “instructional enhancements”.</p> <p>Lisa would like to review the plan every 3 months or so and report back to the community, and the idea is to spend all funds the year they are raised. Lynn mentioned that Joan had been including information about purchases approved by council in the newsletters for some time.</p> <p>Lisa said that she will meet with staff in the fall and plan the year ahead. Staff will present the plan to council but there will be no vote. The decision to spend lies with the Principal, and Lisa will take into consideration the feedback of staff &amp; council. The decision to spend dollars will be less subjective and tied to the fundraising plan. Joan mentioned that the process of motioning and approving purchases during council meetings will be no more; however; members are encouraged to bring forward suggestions/ideas by requesting to be added to the agenda or by speaking during “other business”.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>Outdoor Kinder-yard (Gayle): Gayle met with the Kindergarten teachers and they requested: 2 basketball nets, a new painted track around the tree, Sunflower hopscotch, and planters (\$1500.00... including bb nets at \$450). Teachers would also like a sandbox \$1500.</p> <p>Lisa said there were no funds left for this year, so she would look at it for next year.</p> <p>Lynn questioned why we went over our allotted approvals for surplus fund. Lisa explained that the teacher’s funds of \$1950 were not anticipated until the fall.</p>

<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>Pasta Day (Gwen): Gwen confirmed that Pasta day will be Thurs., June 4. She will need volunteers to help serve the pasta.</p> <p>Pizza supplier for Hot Lunch (Leah): Leah requested to source a new supplier for the pizza at hot lunch due to the amount of pizza that is being thrown away and the complaints she has heard from students about the taste/quality from current supplier (Little Caesars). Leah suggested Pizza Pizza, and said that they have many incentives for schools. Leah will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Growing Place Garden (Leah): Leah brought forward a request from Mrs. Sargeant to spruce up the growing place garden. An arborist came in and determined that the tree will die if the roots continue to be exposed. Mrs. Sargeant is requesting mulch and red sand. Kathy D suggested that the Town be contacted because they may supply mulch at no cost. Leah will also contact a source that she has and report back at the next meeting. Mrs. Sargeant will enter a contest for a tree. This is how the last one came to the school.</p> <p>Grade 8 Grad grab/ Grad closet: Joan proposed this as a way for needy students to have access to dresses, shoes, shirts, ties, etc. for Grad. Lisa said that a closet could be designated with donated clothing for students to access discreetly. If it can't be implemented this year, we will look at it for next year and consider teaming up with neighboring schools.</p> <p>June 11 - Evening Community event at 6:00pm: Lisa spoke about the official debut of the front entrance. Parents &amp; students are invited to attend. The Spring concert will follow at 7:00pm. Lemonade, cookies &amp; coffee will be served.</p> <p>Pro-Grant: Joan spoke on behalf of Sandy and confirmed that the school has applied for a Pro-Grant for the fall. Topic: About Financial Literacy. We will join forces with Lester B. again.</p> <p>Parent Symposium: Lisa, Joan, Sandy &amp; Gayle attended. Topics that were covered: Mental health, bullying, safety &amp; technology. Joan spoke about the opportunity for York Region Police to come to the school and give a presentation on Safety &amp; Technology.</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>Guest Speaker (Lisa): Lisa spoke about Yvonne Kelly, Community Resource Facilitator, who will attend a meeting and discuss the various aspects of the socio economic status in our community and the parent climate survey results.</p> <p>June meeting (Joan): We will have dinner prior to the meeting (order-in \$10 pp.) After the meeting, all are invited for a year-end toast at State &amp; Main.</p>